

# Biography

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL WENDELL L. BEVAN, JR.

Brigadier General Wendell L. Bevan, Jr., is Chief, Requirements and Development Division, J-5, Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington, D.C.

General Bevan was born in Lawton, Okla., on Nov. 7, 1920. He graduated from Wyoming Seminary High School in Kingston, Pa., attended the University of Oklahoma for one year, and studied at Millard's West Point Preparatory School in Washington, D.C., prior to entering the United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y. He entered flying school at Oklahoma City, received basic training at Randolph Field and received his pilot wings upon completion of advanced training at Ellington Field, Tex., in December 1942. He graduated from the Military Academy with the class of January 1943 and received his commission as a second lieutenant.

General Bevan next completed B-26 transition school at Del Rio, Tex., and was assigned as a B-26 aircraft pilot at MacDill Field, Fla., until August 1943. He then attended transition school at Lockbourne Army Air Base, Ohio, to qualify as a B-17 pilot and served as instructor pilot. In August 1944 he joined the 301st Bombardment Group of the Fifteenth Air Force in Italy and became Commander of the 32nd Bombardment Squadron and later the 419th Bombardment Squadron. During his tour of duty in Italy, he accumulated 230 combat flying hours in 30 missions and flew successively as a squadron, group, wing and Air Force leader.

At the end of the war in Europe in June 1945 he was assigned as a B-29 pilot at MacDill Field, Fla., and in November 1945 as base operations officer at Mitchel Field, N.Y. He entered the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kans., in February 1946.

In June 1946 General Bevan was assigned to the War Department General Staff in the G-3 Division in Washington, D.C. When the Air Force became a separate military organization he was assigned to Headquarters U.S. Air Force as Chief of the Air Rescue Branch, Operational Requirements Division, Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations. In February 1950 he was assigned as Assistant Air Attache for Central America, with residence in Guatemala City, Guatemala.

General Bevan was assigned to the Air Proving Ground Command at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., in June 1951 as Commander of the 3201st Base Flight Squadron. He subsequently served as Executive Officer, Deputy Commander and Commander of the 3201st Air Base Group. In August 1955 he entered the Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.; and upon completion of the course, he remained at the school as a member of the faculty, serving as an instructor and later as Chief of the Academic Plans Division.

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General Bevan returned to Headquarters U.S. Air Force in July 1959 where he served in the office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel as Assistant Chief of Promotion Policy, then became Chief of the Weapons Systems Branch, Technical Training Division, and in 1962 was appointed Chief of the Technical Training Division.

In July 1963 General Bevan went to Royal Air Force Alconbury, England, as Vice Commander of the 10th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing which became the first U.S. Air Force wing to convert to and attain operational status in the RF-4C aircraft. In June 1966 he returned to the United States and was assigned as Vice Commander, 75th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, at Bergstrom Air Force Base, Tex.

He assumed command of the 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, in November 1966. The 67th Wing was the first in the Tactical Air Command to train RF-4C replacement air crews for Southeast Asia; the first NATO dual based tactical reconnaissance and fighter squadrons were assigned to the wing; and the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award was presented for the period covering General Bevan's command.

In August 1968 General Bevan departed for Southeast Asia and in September 1968 became Commander of the 432nd Tactical Reconnaissance/Fighter Wing at Udorn Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand. The 432nd is the only combat tactical wing in the U.S. Air Force with both RF-4C and F-4D squadrons. During his tour of duty as Wing Commander, General Bevan flew 111 combat sorties, including 20 over North Vietnam, on both fighter and reconnaissance missions, and the 432nd Wing was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation. During June 1969 he was assigned as Commander, Task Force Alpha at Nakhon Phanom Royal Thai Air Force Base. He assumed duties in July 1969 as Director of Combat Operations for Seventh Air Force at Tan Son Nhut Air Base, Republic of Vietnam, and was primarily responsible for directing "out country" air operations.

General Bevan returned to the United States and in June 1970 was assigned to the Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff as Chief, Requirements and Development Division, J-5.

He is a rated command pilot with more than 5,200 flying hours to his credit, including approximately 1,800 hours in jet aircraft. His military decorations include the Air Force Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with <sup>FOUR</sup> three oak leaf clusters, Distinguished Flying Cross with <sup>TWO</sup> one oak leaf cluster, Air Medal with eight oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal, and Army Commendation Medal.

General Bevan and his wife, the former Nancy Rittenhouse Porter of Kansas City, Mo., have one son, Michael David. His hometown is Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

He was promoted to the temporary grade of brigadier general effective Aug. 1, 1969, with date of rank May 31, 1969.

WENDELL LOWELL BEVAN JR, Brig General, RegAF, 

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DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 7 November 1920, Lawton, OklahomaYEARS OF ACTIVE SERVICE: Over 27 years as of January 1970

SCHOOLS ATTENDED AND DEGREES: USMA, West Point, NY, BS, 1943; Prim Basic and Adv Fly Sch, 1943; Under-grad Plt Tng (T33), 1953; Acft Fam RB66 Plt, 1963; Tac Recon Crse, 1965; Comd and Gen Staff College, 1946; Air Comd and Staff College, 1956

AERONAUTICAL RATING(S): Command PilotMAJOR PERMANENT DUTY ASSIGNMENTS:

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Stu Off, Prim, Basic and Adv Fly Sch, 877 Sq, Del Rio, Tex and later Lockbourne AAB, Ohio	Jan 43	Aug 43
Instr Plt (B17), 17 Bomb Wg, Great Falls, Mont, 583 Bomb Sq, Carnie, Nebr and later Unit A, AAB, Sioux City, Iowa	Aug 43	Oct 44
Plt (B17), 353 Bomb Sq, Mediterranean Theater	Oct 44	Dec 44
Sq Op Off and later Sq Comdr, 32 Bomb Sq, 301 Bomb Gp, Mediterranean Theater	Jan 45	Oct 45
Plt (B29) and Asst Op Off, 326 AAFBU, CCTS, MacDill Fld, Fla and later Sq H, 110 AAFBU, Mitchel Fld, NY	Oct 45	Feb 46
Stu Off, Comd and Gen Staff College, Ft Leavenworth, Kans	Feb 46	May 46
Staff Off, Orgn and Tng Div, JCS, Wash, DC	May 46	Sep 47
Ch, Heli and Ln Sec, DCS/O and later Off in Charge, Ln Heli Air Rescue Rgmts, Hq USAF, Wash, DC	Sep 47	Mar 50
Asst Air Attache, 1134 Sp Acty Sq, Ft Myer, Va	Mar 50	Jul 51
Sq Comdr, Actg Gp Comdr, Exec Off, Dep Gp Comdr and later Gp Comdr, 3201 AB Gp, Eglin AFB, Fla	Jul 51	Aug 55
Stu Off, Comd and Staff Sch, Maxwell AFB, Ala	Aug 55	Jun 56
Instr and later Ch, Acad Plans Div, Comd and Staff Sch, Maxwell AFB, Ala	Jul 56	Jul 59
Asst Ch, Pers Proc Sep and Off Prom Br, Staff Off, Wpns Sys Br and later Ch, Tech Tng Div, D/Pers Proc and Tng, DCS/P Hq USAF, Wash, DC	Jul 59	Jul 63
Vice Comdr, 10 Tac Recon Wg, RAF Alconbury, England	Jul 63	Jun 66
Vice Comdr, 75 Tac Recon Wg, Bergstrom AFB, Tex	Jul 66	Nov 66
Comdr, 67 Tac Recon Wg, Mt Home AFB, Ida	Nov 66	Sep 68
Comdr, 432 Tac Recon Wg, Udorn RTAFB, Thailand	Sep 68	Jun 69
Dir, Combat Opns, 7th AF, Tan Son Nhut AB, Vietnam	Jul 69	Apr 70
Asst to the DCS/P, Hq USAF, Wash, DC	May 70	Jun 70
Ch, Rgmts & Dev Div, J-5, OJCS, WashDC	Jun 70	Jun 71
Dir Spec Projects, Central Control Grp, Hq USAF, Wash., D. C.	June 71	

PROMOTIONS:TEMPORARYPERMANENT

Second Lieutenant	19 Jan 43	8 Feb 43
First Lieutenant	19 May 43	1 Apr 46
Captain	27 Mar 44	25 Oct 48
Major	14 Feb 45	23 Jan 52
Lieutenant Colonel	20 Mar 59	15 Sep 61
Colonel	1 Aug 69	24 Feb 70
Brigadier General		

DETAILS AND AWARDS

FOUR

↓ Legion of Merit with ~~two~~ <sup>two</sup> Oak Leaf Clusters; Distinguished Service Medal (AF Design),  
Distinguished Flying Cross with ~~one~~ <sup>two</sup> Oak Leaf Cluster; Air Medal with eight Oak Leaf  
Clusters; Commendation Ribbon; Air Force Commendation Medal; American Defense  
Service Medal; American Campaign Medal; European-African-Middle East Campaign Medal  
with one Silver Service Star; World War II Victory Medal; National Defense Service  
Medal with one Bronze Service Star; Vietnam Service Medal with one Bronze Service  
Star; Air Force Longevity Service Award with one Silver Oak Leaf Cluster;  
Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.



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### BRIGADIER GENERAL HAROLD F. KNOWLES

Brigadier General Harold F. Knowles is Director of Special Projects, Washington, D.C.

General Knowles was born on Aug. 27, 1921, in Brooklyn, N.Y. He attended the University of Connecticut, Storrs, Conn., from 1938 to 1940, majoring in engineering. He then entered the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., completed flying school while a cadet, and was graduated as a second lieutenant with a bachelor of science degree in June, 1943.

From June 1943 to December 1943 he had additional pilot training, then became an instructor pilot at Harding Field, La. In November 1944 he was assigned to the 464th Fighter Squadron at Bruning Field, Nebr. From March to August 1945 he was a P-47 pilot with the 33rd Fighter Squadron in Iceland. He returned to the United States and was assigned in August 1945 as P-51 instructor pilot at Sarasota, Fla. He was assigned as instructor in English at West Point in February 1946 and in mathematics in 1947. He went to Germany in 1948 and was assigned to the 601st Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron which was supporting the Berlin Airlift.

From September 1951 to July 1955, General Knowles served as an operations staff officer in the Directorate of Operations, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force. In January 1956, he assumed command of the newly activated 465th Fighter Interceptor Squadron at Griffis Air Force Base, N.Y., and in August 1957 assumed command of the newly activated 606th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron there.

General Knowles entered the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, Va., in June 1958, and in January 1959 he was assigned as Deputy for Plans, 64th Air Division, Pepperrell Air Force Base, Newfoundland. In May 1960 he moved with the division headquarters to Stewart Air Force Base, N.Y. He was assigned in August 1962 as Chief, Air Force Section, of the Morocco-United States Liaison Office, Rabat, Morocco.

He returned to Headquarters U.S. Air Force in August 1963, and served as Deputy Assistant and later as Assistant for Colonels Assignments, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel. He assumed command of the 3640th Pilot Training Wing, Laredo Air Force Base, Tex., in July 1967.

General Knowles was assigned as Director of Special Projects with office in Washington, D.C., in May 1970.

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His military decorations include the Legion of Merit, Air Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon. He is a command pilot.

General Knowles and his wife, the former Mercedes Murphy of East Hartford, Conn., have four children: Jeffrey, Gregory, Constance, and Judith. His hometown is Willimantic, Conn.

He was promoted to the temporary grade of brigadier general effective Feb. 7, 1970, with date of rank Feb. 7, 1970.

BIOGRAPHIC SKETCH ON BRIG. GENERAL DONALD H. ROSS

Civilian pilot while in school, began flying at age 16. Joined RAF through the Clayton-Knight Committee in Los Angeles. Reported for RAF refresher training at Bakersfield (then later in El Centro) California in December 1941. Became a Sgt. Pilot in RAF in March 1942 and arrived in England in April 1942. Flew Miles Masters at Watton, Norwich in June 1942, and Spitfires at Aston Downs OTU from July until September 1942. Upon completion of OTU, transferred to the USAAF in London on 29 September 1942, and was assigned to Debden in the 335th Fighter Squadron, which had been 121 Squadron in the RAF. At that time the personnel and Spitfire aircraft of 71, 121 and 133 Squadrons had just transferred to the USAAF. The RAF ground crews remained until arrival of USAAF P-47 Thunderbolts in early 1943. Flew Spitfires until March 1943, Thunderbolts until December 1943 and P-51B Mustangs until February 20, 1944, when he was taken prisoner after bailing out over Leipzig, Germany. Was POW until May 1945.